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It is my opinion that the settlement should be approved at this time. It has been and continues to be my opinion that MSFT has been unjustly done to in this entire matter. If the court wants the public interest ensured in this matter it should not penalize MSFT any further. I say that as I believe that the states which don't want to settle are costing us the taxpayers much money in their attempt to further their cause which is quite frankly a joke. As a Wisconsin State employee before I retired I used a computer all day in my work. Naturally Windows was the platform used in ALL OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN COMPUTERS. It was and still is simply the best software one can install in the computer. The state choose to use that platform they weren't forced to use it. Because of that fact I question as to why in the world would the state attorney general file suit in this matter? If I were Mr. Gates I would refuse to continually update Windows for those states involved. LET THEM SIT WITH WHAT THEY HAVE. It seems that the states are biting the hand that feeds them. This whole case was in my opinion about the greed and envy of certain other companies who obviously couldn't compete on the same level as MSFT. I can't believe that anyone should be forced to divulge any of their technical information so others can benefit. In conclusion I certainly believe that the settlement is clearly in the public's interest even though it is not in MSFT's best interest.